

QUEST

HELMET OWNERS MANUAL

Important:

Please read carefully
before using your new helmet.

CAUTION

For optimum performance and comfort, this helmet must fit properly. Make sure you have thoroughly read this manual, and carefully followed the fitting instructions herein before wearing your Quest.

Helmets will be damaged if exposed to temperatures exceeding 150°F (Dark gear bags or auto storage temperatures can exceed 180°F on very hot days.) If damaged, helmet must be destroyed and replaced immediately.

NOTICE

This protective helmet is not designed to take the place of a hard-shell helmet. It is made of expanded polystyrene and may be easily penetrated by sharp objects. Some reasonably foreseeable impacts may exceed ANSI Z90.4 bicycle helmet performance standards.

AN INTRODUCTION

Your new Quest bicycle helmet is the product of over 30 years of helmet building expertise. It has been manufactured and tested under some of the most exacting conditions in the industry.

A helmet has a primary function, which is to reduce the harmful effects of a blow to the head. Because it serves such a vital function, each Quest is very carefully constructed almost entirely by hand, and is inspected repeatedly during the manufacturing process.

It is extremely important to familiarize yourself with the proper use and care of your new helmet. Take time to read through this manual from beginning to end before using your new helmet.

WEARING THE QUEST

Figure 1 illustrates Quest's features which include fully adjustable fit/comfort pads and Web-Lock for the proper fit, a quick-release retention system with an Easy-Release buckle, and the Surround liner ring for added protection.

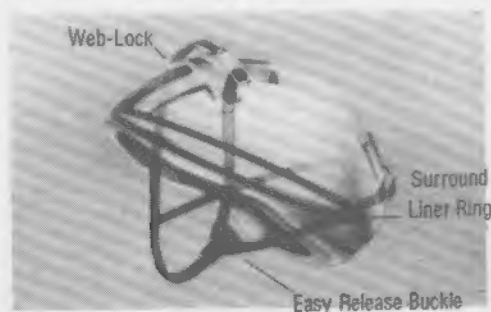


Fig. 1

GETTING THE PROPER FIT

As with all helmets, a proper fit is essential if the Quest is to perform as it was designed. The Quest should fit snugly, but not uncomfortably.

The Quest comes with factory-installed fit/comfort pads - small brow pads to maximize both comfort and ventilation, three large pads to comfortably fit both the sides and back of the head, and top pads that can be moved forward or backward to adjust the angle of the helmet on your head. Each pad is attached by several hook-and-loop style fasteners for ease of installation and removal.

Included in the box are several size pads that allow you to adjust the fit.

To adjust, simply remove the factory installed pads and insert another size. Feel free to mix and match thickness' to best conform to your head's shape. You can tell easily when proper fit has been achieved. Looking in a mirror, gently rotate the helmet on your head, front to back and side to side, noticing the skin in the brow area. If the fit is comfortable and the skin moves with the helmet, a proper fit has been accomplished, if not, the helmet is too loose.

RETENTION SYSTEM

The Quest features a fully adjustable retention system. The straps attach on the top of the helmet in a front and rear Web-Lock, pass through the helmet and end in a two piece, Easy-Release buckle. (see Figure 1)

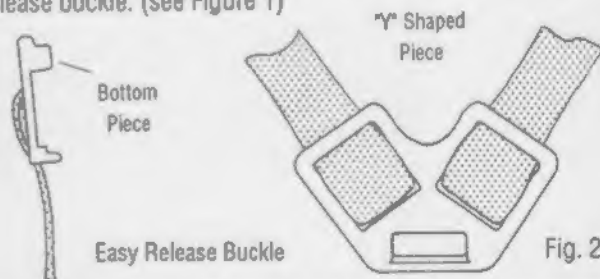


Fig. 2

To attach the Easy-Release buckle, simply slide the bottom buckle piece into the slot in the top "Y" shaped buckle piece as illustrated in Figure 2. Make sure the straps are not twisted and you hear the click from the two pieces properly seating together. To release the buckle, reverse the motion by gently pulling the lower part of the bottom buckle piece away from your face while holding the "Y" shaped buckle piece vertically still. Once it has unsnapped, simply lift the bottom buckle piece away.

To properly adjust the retention system, first make sure the correct fitting pads are in place. Now adjust the straps so that they form a "Y" forward of, and below each ear. With the Quest, this is easy. By eye, adjust each strap on the Web-Lock so that it is either just right or slightly too long. Now repeating for each strap that needs adjustment:

- place the helmet on your head and lift the Web-Lock until properly sized,
- note how much slack needs to be taken up, and
- remove the helmet and tighten the slack.

That's all there is to it!

CAUTION

With the helmet on and tightly fastened, the helmet should not be able to be removed from the head or roiled backwards or forwards excessively. All adjustments should be checked each time the helmet is worn, making sure it fits snugly at all times.

SURROUND LINER RING

Each Quest has a Surround liner ring embedded in the liner (from the front of the Quest, you can see parts of it peeking through the ventilation holes - see Figure 1.) The Surround liner ring is an added protection that Bell has provided in addition to the strength of the expanded polystyrene liner.

LYCRA HELMET COVER

Included is a lycra cover for your Quest. This colorful cover is designed to help keep your helmet clean and looking good. Use of the cover is optional.

CLEANING THE QUEST

Use only mild soap and water to clean the lycra cap, Web-Lock's, straps or fit pads. We do not recommend cleaning the helmet itself. Do not use any solvents, paints or decals, as many contain materials which can damage your helmet.

OWNER WARRANTY INFORMATION

Name _____
Address _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: (____) _____
Your Age: ____ 16 or under ____ 17-24 ____ 25-35
 ____ 35-49 ____ 50 and over
Sex: ____ Male ____ Female
Purchase Date: _____ Serial #: _____
Purchased From: _____

Authorized Dealer Stamp or Signature _____

Did you consider buying any other helmet? _____
Which one(s)? _____
Why did you choose Bell? _____
How many bicycle helmets do you own? _____
Which models? _____
What feature would you like to see improved? _____

How many times do you ride per month?
____ 1-3 ____ 4-8 ____ 9-15 ____ 16-30 per month.
How many miles do you ride on each occasion?
____ Less than 5 miles ____ 5 to 10 miles
____ 11 to 20 miles ____ 21 or more

Which magazines do you read?
____ Bicycling ____ Cyclist
____ Bicycling Guide ____ Triathlete
____ Winning ____ Outside
How much did you spend over the last 12 months on bicycling accessories (apparel, components, excluding bicycles)? ____ \$0-20 ____ \$21-50 ____ \$51-100
____ \$101-250 ____ \$250 and over

ONE YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY

Any Bell helmet found by the factory to be defective in materials and/or workmanship within one year from the date of purchase will be repaired or replaced-at the option of the manufacturer-free of charge when recieved at the factory freight prepaid.

Any modifications made by the user will render the warranty null and void.

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